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(*d*) whether the High Court declined to accede to their request;
(*e*) what was the reason assigned therefor; and
(*f*) whether the High Court consulted the Government before doing so and whether under the rules the consent of the Government is necessary?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The facts are as stated by the Member of the Legislative Council.
(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.
(*f*) The Government were not consulted in the matter. The special tests are prescribed by Government in the case of ministerial officers of the Judicial Department as well as of other departments. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Public Service Notification, published at pages 192—202 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 12th April 1927.

Pay of amins and process-servers in the Civil Courts.

* 842 *Q.*—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether complaints have been made that processes are generally not served properly and that they are often returned unserved, thereby causing inconvenience and unnecessary expenditure to the parties and also much delay in the disposal of cases in civil courts;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the process-servers are much discontented on account of their low pay and that much of the slackness in their work is due to this discontent;

(*c*) what is the pay of the amins and process-servers in the civil courts; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to raise their pay and give them travelling allowance?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) Process-servers have submitted memorials praying for the revision of their pay.
(*c*) The pay of amins and process-servers is as follows:—
Amins—Rs. 22—1—35.
Process-servers—First class, Rs. 15; second class, Rs. 14.
(Not more than one-third of the peons shall receive Rs. 15 a month and the rest Rs. 14 a month.)
(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

Reply from the High Court regarding the increase of pay of process-servers.

* 843 *Q.*—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 43 answered on the 23rd August 1927, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any reply from the High Court regarding the increase of pay of the process-servers; and

(*b*) what is the nature of the reply?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The reply of the High Court is still awaited.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government will expedite the reply from the High Court as it is long pending?"